

Rev. John Walton has changed his address from Lakeside, N. Y., to Pittsford, N. Y. Members will please take notice.

F. C. Browne, Framingham, Mass., writes: "I am afraid the members are not going to get the benefit they might, if they would correspond." It is one of the objects of the Association to induce correspondence between the members, especially between members interested in the same or analogous subjects. Comparison of views, exchanges of specimens, etc., will add to our stock of knowledge.

M. M. Shepman of Rhoon, near Rotterdam, Holland, writes: "I would like to have some information about the American Association of Conchologists. You will oblige me with a copy of the rules." The Secretary has supplied him with the information.

It may soon be possible for the Association to prepare a complete list of North American shells. Several of the members have selected the mollusca of special districts for study, and in time it is expected that the whole continent will be covered. As soon as that point is reached, each member might furnish a list of the mollusca of his district, with authentic localities and by consolidating the lists, an Association check list could be prepared. So far, the following districts are covered: Rhode Island, H. F. Carpenter; Wisconsin, Geo. T. Marston; Michigan, M. L. Leach, M. D.; Kansas, J. B. Quintard; West Coast, Prof. Josiah Keep, Miss Ida M. Shepard, W. J. Raymond and G. W. Lichtenthaler; North West Atlantic, Sanderson Smith; Vancouver Province, Geo. W. Taylor; Besides these the Land and Fresh Water shells of North America are being studied by H. A. Pilsbry, F. R. Latchford, Geo. W. Harper, Bryant Walker, J. A. Singley, Rev. W. M. Beauchamp, Wm. G. Mazyek, D. V. Sterki, W. W. Westgate, U. S. Grant, W. G. Binney, and W. S. Strobe, M. D.

THE SHELL-BEARING MOLLUSCA OF RHODE ISLAND.

BY HORACE F. CARPENTER.

FAMILY UNIONIDÆ.

191.—*Margaritana marginata*, Say.

Syns.:

Alasmodontu marginata, Say, Barnes, Con. Stimp. Adams.

Unio varicosa, Lam.

Mya rugulosa, Wood.

Alasmodon marginata, DeKay, Gould.

Margaritana marginata, Lea.

Shell ovate, thin, wedge-shaped, gaping widely behind; beaks small, elevated; surface wrinkled posteriorly; epidermis olivaceous, radiated with dark green; teeth, one in each valve, small, compressed, directed forwards; nacre bluish-white with a chalky margin. Length, 2 inches; height, $1\frac{1}{10}$ inch; breadth, $\frac{9}{10}$ inch.

This species is not all common in New England, and is found very sparingly in the Blackstone River, just above the Tin Bridge in Central Falls.

192.—*Margaritana undulata*, Say.

Syns.:

Unio undulatus, Say.

Alasmodonta undulata, Barnes, Adams.

Mya undulata, Wood.

Unio lirans, Valenc.

Strophitus sculptilis, Stimp.

Shell short, tumid, angular behind and widely gaping; breaks prominent, with three or four undulations upon them; epidermis shining, of a dark olive color, rayed with alternating yellowish and dark bands; nacre on the anterior half, thickened, opaque, white; on the posterior half, thin, translucent and of a silvery luster, showing through it the exterior radiations; hinge supported on a very strong rib; the left tooth erect, conical and striated above; the left tooth erect, and produced backwards under the ligament. Length, 2 inches; height, $1\frac{2}{3}$ inch; breadth, 1 inch. It is more common than *marginata*, and is found in the Blackstone River and in most of our larger ponds.

(*To be continued.*)

GENERAL NOTES.

SPECIES DETERMINED. From W. J. Raymond, Oakland, Cal. 1, *Olivella floralia* Duclou, West Indies; 2, *O. nivea* Gmelin, West Indies; 4, *Patella confusa* Gmel., West Indies.—C. W. J.

LIMNÆA COLUMELLA Say. Not found in recent years near Philadelphia, is quite abundant in ponds along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Bonnaffon, Philadelphia.—Ed.

NATICA WANTED. The undersigned wishes to buy, or obtain in exchange, specimens of the genus *Natica*. John L. Ogden, 72nd st. and Greenway ave., Philadelphia.